UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

CONTENDER FARMS, L.L.P., et al., Plaintiffs,)))
V.) Action No. 4:16-cv-0163-O)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,)))
Defendant.)))

JOINT MOTION TO AMEND THE SCHEDULING ORDER

On August 18, 2016, the Court entered a Scheduling Order setting forth several cutoff dates governing the parties' activities in this case, including a deadline of February 8, 2017 to conduct mediation. ECF Doc. No. 43. In this lawsuit for judicial review of administrative agency action, neither party originally requested mediation. See Joint Response to Order Requiring Scheduling Conference (ECF No. 43) at 6, 10. However, the parties now believe that a negotiated resolution of this matter warrants further discussion. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court modify the Scheduling Order, extending this deadline to February 28, 2017, and allowing the parties to conduct such discussions directly, without any mediator, in order to conserve judicial and party resources.

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